

JURY CERTAIN TO SET CURRIE FREE

Boy Who Killed Father Forced to Act to Save His Mother From Injury.

RELEASED ON NOMINAL BAIL.

Evidence Shows That Sister Gave Him Shell With Which Rifle Was Loaded.

Although fifteen-year-old Robert Lee Currie will be placed on trial for the murder, on Wednesday night, of his father, William E. Currie, it became apparent from evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest yesterday that there is very small likelihood of convicting him. It was almost conclusively shown that the son shot the father to save the life of his mother.

Young Currie was hailed by Judge E. H. Wells in the Hustings Court in the sum of \$1,500, furnished by E. H. Ferguson, member of a printing firm by which he was employed.

Police Justice Crutchfield deferred hearing preliminary evidence in the case until to-morrow morning. Gilbert K. Pollock has been retained by the family to defend him.

Say Currie Was Unbalanced.

In her story of the shooting given at the inquest Mrs. Currie brought out the fact that her husband had been more or less mentally unbalanced for a month. During that period she had frequent quarrels with him. On Wednesday night, she said, as he was about to sit down to supper in the kitchen of their home, 2346 Williamsburg Avenue, he quarreled because he did not like the food which had been prepared. The wife sharply rebuked him and he struck her.

Blanche and Robert were present and saw the attack upon their mother, who attempted to prevent Currie from striking her a second time by holding his hands. He then hit her arm, she released her hold and he struck her a second vicious blow. It was while he was choking the woman that Robert picked up the heavy Swiss army rifle, loaded it with a shell which was brought him by his sister, and fired.

It is considered incredible that the lad was able to handle the weapon with such deadly accuracy. It is about six feet long and unusually heavy.

In her testimony at the inquest Blanche declared that her father struck both her and her brother, and threatened to kill both.

The verdict of the jury was that Currie came to his death by a gunshot wound, inflicted by his son.

Though deeply moved by the tragedy, Robert has remained comparatively calm. When taken before Judge Wells to be bailed, he told of the shooting in a straightforward manner. He said that he did it to save his mother, for he feared that she would be killed by the man, who had apparently become a raving maniac.

From the evidence which will be submitted in court it is almost certain

Boy Who Killed His Father



ROBERT LEE CURRIE.

Photo by Foster.

that the action of the boy will be amply justified.

Commonwealth's Attorney Minnie Folkes said that while it will be necessary to place him on trial, that as far as he could judge from the present facts in the case the boy will be acquitted. "The boy did what any man would have done under the circumstances," he said.

KAISER FAVORS FORTIFICATIONS

Believes They Should Be Strong Enough to Protect Canal in Any Emergency.

New York, March 28.—George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama Canal, and chairman of the Canal Commission, returned from abroad to-day with an account of an interview with the German Emperor, in which the Kaiser expressed vigorous views as to the desirability of strongly fortifying the Panama Canal.

"The Kaiser surprised me by his knowledge of the canal," Colonel Goethals said. "His viewpoint was that of a warrior. He believed that the 11-foot locks would not be wide enough to accommodate the readyness of the future, and believed that the canal should have been as wide as the channel, at Kiel, which is 135 feet."

"He is strongly in favor of much heavier fortifications than have been planned for the canal. He believes a very large military force should be established ready for any emergency."

"The Kaiser," said he, "had no doubt that some nation would establish a coaling station either north or south of the canal. At this station, he pointed out, battleships could be gathered quietly and could suddenly descend and capture the canal. He believes the fortifications should be sufficient to repulse any fleet."

Bowling

The verified list of New York's subway seems to have affected the Richmond bowlers who went to Paterson to such a degree that several of the clubs of the Richmond Bowling Association had to postpone their regular scheduled contests, the first being the Cooking Printing Company and News Leader, and the Remingtons and Times-Dispatch, who will bow their Wednesday's game tonight.

Before a large crowd of spectators the Ales and Journals bowled one of the classic series of the season last night. The Journals, under the superb management of Captain Barrow, bowled in line form, capturing two out of three, and but for some hard luck bowling by Captain Barrow, who had several splits to his credit, would have captured the third also. Fitzgerald led the star in the individuals, getting high score, while McFarland captured high total. The score:

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	Remington.	W. H. Co.	3 Total.
Algo	48	17	65
Virginia	35	21	56
Journal	25	20	45
Times-Dispatch	25	20	45
News Leader	25	20	45
Cook Printing Co.	19	38	57
Newport	10	69	79

BODY TAKEN TO PORCH FOR BURIAL PREPARATIONS

Jarrisonburg, Va., March 28.—News has reached here of the death at Ruckerville, Greene county, of Thomas Jennings, who was one of the biggest men in Virginia. His gigantic frame and jovial nature made him a beloved and

widely known man. He weighed between 400 and 500 pounds. His widow is a little woman, who weighs hardly more than 100 pounds.

His death, which was rather sudden, was due to pneumonia and kidney trouble. The body had to be removed from the bedroom to the porch for burial preparations. A special coffin had to be made for him. It was found that the coffin could not be taken through the door and the funeral was held from the porch, where the body remained until buried.

Mr. Jennings was a prominent citizen. He was a Mason, a Woodman and a Junior Mechanic. He was engaged in the lumber business and had an extensive acquaintance.

He is survived by his widow and several children, including twins. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Alice Jennings and Mrs. Oscar Fitzhugh, who live at Mauzy's Crossing, Rockingham county.

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Home Treatment for Tuberculosis

Consumptive patients need no longer dread either the fate that formerly overtook all sufferers from lung trouble, or costly and often terribly inconvenient journeys far from home to other climates, to some expensive sanatorium. Hundreds are now staying quietly at home curing themselves at no expense beyond the cost of a few bottles of medicine. Here is one who speaks from experience:

"22 St. 4th St., Chelms (Barby), Pa. 'Gentlemen: For four years I was troubled with cough, which gradually became worse; I had night sweats and pains in my chest. I was losing my appetite and had become so thin and weak I could not attend to my household duties. A physician pronounced my case Consumption. Not being satisfied I was examined by the physician of the Polynesian Hospital; they also pronounced the disease Consumption, which was proven later by an examination of sputum, as Tuberculosis Bacilli was found. I was ordered to a Consumptive Hospital. My nephew would not allow me to go until I had tried Eckman's Alternative. Before I had taken the medicine three weeks I had marked relief, night sweats ceased; pain in the breast relieved. Cough became loose, dry, never left me and I commenced getting well. My health became normal. I am in excellent health now, and have been completely cured for ten years. I strongly recommend Eckman's Alternative."

(Signed) MARY WASSON. Eckman's Alternative is effective in Hay Fever, Asthma, Hay Fever, Throat and Lung Trouble, and in upbuilding the system. Does not contain poisonous quinine or habit-forming drugs. For sale by Owen & Minor Drug Company and other leading druggists. Ask for booklet of cured cases and write to Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa., for additional evidence.

SECRETARY KNOX RIDICULES IDEA

Does Not Believe There Was Any Plot to Dynamite His Train.

Santo Domingo, March 28.—Secretary Knox said to-night that the State Department had no information in any way substantiating the rumor of a plot in Nicaragua to dynamite his train. According to a Managua dispatch published here, this alleged plot has resulted in the sentencing to death of forty opponents of the government.

Another dispatch from Managua says the allegations have been trumped up as an excuse to dispose of certain Zelaya adherents.

Mr. Knox ridicules the idea of a plot and believes the report has been circulated to discredit his mission.

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DOES BRYAN WANT ANOTHER CHANCE?

Indications Are That He Still Has Eye on White House.

HIS POPULARITY GREAT

Friends Believe Nebraskan's Ambition May Be Finally Gratified.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, March 28.—Will William J. Bryan dominate the Baltimore convention? What will be the result if he makes an out and out fight against Governor Judson Harmon? What would the Ohio Democrats do in a retaliatory way for such treatment of their "favorite son"? Will there be any dark horses to be suddenly trotted out from the political stables, and other such questions are being discussed here around hotel lobbies, in cozy corners at the Capitol, at the clubs and elsewhere when leaving Democrats meet.

On the other side of the fence Republicans likewise are asking whether Colonel Roosevelt, by his recent performances and his attitude toward his own party, threatening to create a third rail circuit, has not paved the way for the Democrats to get into the White House next March. "What is Roosevelt going to do next?" is one of the questions heard a hundred times a day in Washington, and yet no one is willing or able to answer.

So far as can be learned here the Harmon people are not altogether opposed to the idea of Bryan fighting their man if he is of a mind to do it. While the Ohio Governor's friends would probably prefer to receive the nomination on a silver platter if they could get it that way, they would take it on a tin one if no other method were provided.

The Bryan attitude is causing considerable talk to be heard also among some of the friends of the other candidates. They are unable to tell exactly what the Nebraska man will do when he gets to Baltimore, and for that reason he has everybody guessing.

Would Bryan take the nomination himself? That is answered by some of his friends by the statement that now is the time for him to get it, that he has repeatedly sacrificed himself for his party by advocating principles which that party was not ready to receive and adopt, and that now, since the time has come when such principles are ready to be taken seriously, Bryan should be the nominee of the Baltimore convention.

One thing is certain: Bryan is no less popular to-day than he has been; on the contrary, he is probably stronger and has more friends than at any time in his political career. On his numerous visits to Washington, where he met political men of all faiths, he received on all occasions the biggest kind of ovation. It is no exaggeration to say that whenever Bryan appears on the streets of this city or in the lobby of a hotel, it is almost necessary to have police protection in order that he may proceed along his way.

And it is not improbably that after being in hiding distance of the White House for many long years, Mr. Bryan will at last achieve the ambition of his life.

There are ominous sounds going on around the executive mansion which signify that even President Taft might realize himself that his days as its occupant are numbered.

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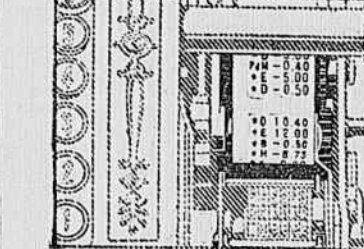
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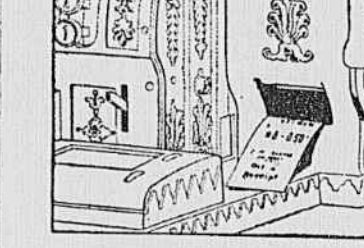
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